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THE YUKON TRAIL

By WILLIAM McLEOD RAINE.

and the pied piper and-

eautiful night before?"

the searf about her head.

is a pagan one."

He thought not, but he had not the

him. It was enough for him to be

near her, to hear the laughter bub-

"God made the night," he replied

So that's a Christian thought as well

They were no exception to the rule

that lovers are egoists. The world

for them tonight divided itself into

O'Neill and Gordon Elliot; the other

took in the uninteresting remnant of

to themselves. They wanted to know

all about each other, to compare ex-

ing of eyes and little endearments.

When Diane and Peter found then

that it could not be two hours since

love can have pierced the armor of

BOLSHEVIKI AND SOCIALISM.

of the Essential Differences.

given closer study than anybody else

leader, and Branting, the Swedish

leader, have stated their opinion that

touch with all Russian Socialist fac-

of careful consideration. It helps im-

son's position and that of the Bolshe-

suffrage, nor of a supreme and re-

The Soviets realize this, for, while

affirming their desire for a general

peace, they said: 'Let us ask Ger-

"The Soviets obtained neither one

Here is the problem in the short-

ment to expose its peace terms with

regard to Russia only-whether

revolution, just as we have.'

answer nor the other."

guarantee it.

own courtship of Diane.

lordon Elliot.

two classes. One included Sheba the Vigilantes.

brave transformed the universe for crete points of President Wilson's

gree pagan.

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CHAPTER XXXII

Diane Changes Her Mind.

The news of Sheba's safety had been telephoned to Dame from the readhouse, so that all the family from Peter down were on the porch to welcome her with mingled tears and kisses. Since Gordon had to push on to the hospital to have Holt taken care of, it was Macdonald who brought the girl home. The mineowner declined rather brusquely an invitation to stay to dinner on the plea that he had business at the ofhe which would not wait.

Impulsively Sheba held out both her hands to him. "Believe me, I am thanking you with the whole of my neart, my friend. And I'm praying for you the old Irish blessing, God save you kindly.

The deep-set, rapacious eyes of the Scotchman burned into hers for an instant. Without a word he released her hands and turned away.

Her eyes followed him, a vital, dy-American who would do big, Liwless things to the day of his She sighed. He had been a great figure in her life, and now he had passed out of it.

As soon as she was alone with Diane, her Irish cousin dropped the fittle bomb she bad up her sleeve. "I'm going to be married Thurs

Mrs. Padget embraced her for the tenth time within the hour. She was very fond of Sheba, and she had been on a great strain concerning her safety. That out of her danger had resulted the engagement Diane had hoped for was surplusage of good

You lucky, sensible girl. Shelst assented demurely. "I do think I'm sensible as well as lucky. It isn't every girl that knows the right man for her even when he wants her. But I know at last. He's the man for me out of ten million." "I'm sure of it, dear. Oh, I am so

glad." Diane hugged her again, She couldn't help it.

"One gets to know a man pretty well on a trip like that. I wouldn't mine for any one that was ever made. I like everything about him, Di. I am the happiest girl." "I'm so glad you see it that way a

aspect of the situation. "But Thursday. Will that give us time, my dear? And who are you going "Just the family. "I've invited two

guests, but neither of them can come. One has a broken leg and the other says he doesn't want to see me married to another man." Sheba explained with a smile.

"So Gordon won't come?" "Yes. He'll have to be here. We can't get along without the bridegroom. It wouldn't be a legal mar-

riage, would it?" Diane looked at her for the mo ment dumb. "You little wretch!" she got out at last. "So it's Gordon, is it, Are you quite sure this time? Not likely to change your mind before Thursday ""

"I suppose, to an outsider, I do seem fickle," Miss O'Neill admitted smilingly. "But Gordon and I both understand that."

understand it too?"

"He told me that he didn't think would quite suit him, after all. Not enough experience for the place," inquiry, "Of course that's nonsense.

rebound," said Diane bluntly.

He is fond of her for what she is, whom have spent long sojourns in war and end it with greater speed Russia since the war, in sympathetic What attracted him in me were the things his imagination gave to me." "And Gordon likes you, I suppose for what you are?"

has his fancies about me, too, but by the time he finds out what I am he'll have to put up with me."

The arrival of Elliot interrupted and Trotzky and to give an honest confidences. He had come, he said, and correct interpretation of their

to receive congratulations. "What in the world have you been doing with your face?" demanded Di-As an afterthought she added:

"Mr. Macdonald is all cut up too." We've been taking massage treatmy congratulations, Di?"

sponsible parliament. Thus the peo-She kissed him, too, for old sake's sake. "I do believe you'll suit Sheba ple of these enemy countries have not plete team play, the longer this war better than Colby Macdonald would. He's a great man and you are not. perialism nor their acceptance of the But it isn't everybody that is fit to be right of peoples to dispose of themselves nor the principle of the league the wife of a great man." of nations which is necessary to

"That's a double, left-handed compliment," laughed Gordon. "But you can't say anything that will hurt my feelings today, Di. Isn't that your baby I hear crying? What a heartless mother you are"

Diane gave him the few minutes alone with Sheba that his gay smile and let the German Socialists have a had asked for. "Get out with you." she said, laughing. "Go to the top of the hill and look at the lovers moon I've ordered there expressly for you, and while you are there forget est possible space. The Bolsheviki policy has led the German governthat there are going to be crying babies and nursemaids with evenings out in that golden future of yours."

through the power, firmness and Come along, Sheba. We'll start now on the golden trail," said Elliot. She walked as if she loved it. Her long, slender legs moved rhythmically and her arms swung true as pendu-

promised. Sheba drank it in happi-

"I believe I must be a pagan. love the sun and the moon and I while the German government has grocers for distribution among know it's all true about the little folk failed utterly to make its position

they have definitely abandoned-make no pre-emptory demand of Germany to state its peace terms on any but the Russian front. These terms be ing unstated the Bolsheviki may continue in negotiations for a separate peace on the assumption that the kaiser's terms on the western front The Issue in This War is the Same as would be in accord with a democrat e peace.

Nevertheless the Bolsheviki

acting on the principle of a separate

rather than a general peace-which

On the contrary the French Socia ists, the British Laborites, and the ocialist factions who composed the majority in all the national elected "If it's paganism to be in love with bodies of Russia, until violently oustthe world, you are a thirty-third de- ed by the Bolsheviki, believe that the attitude of the German governmen is sufficiently clear-for the reason "Well, and was there ever a more that neither the junker military par ty nor the reichstag majority nor words to tell her that for him its beau- even the minority Socialists have ty lay largely in her presence. Her conceded, or shown any sign of conceding, a single one of the seven con passionate love of things fine and

German minority Socialists on these points, moreover, is identical with bling in her throat, to touch her that of the Bolsheviki. crisp, blue-black hair as he adjusted The French Socialists, British La porites and Russian Social Revoluionists are therefore in accord that there is no prospect whatever of se curing a democratic peace from Germany without revolution or military

peace terms. The position of the

BACK OF THE LINES.

defeat .- William English Whaling, o

humanity. No matter how far afield Things Necessary to Be Done by their talk began, it always came back People at Home

Every one knows what the fighting nan has ahead. His business, in the periences and points of view. But time fled too fast for words. They main is to fight. But how about the work of those talked-as lovers will, to the end of ack of the lines?

time-in exclamations and the meet-I have in mind, as a prelude, two najor league ball clubs. The first eam had the leadership and the maon the hill-top, Sheba protested, with erial to win with. There was no her half shy, half audacious smile, question of this. But the fan suport at home was lacking-both in she and Gordon had left the living the way of attendance and direct enroom. Peter grinned. He rememcouragement. The home fans appar bered a hilltop consecrated to his ently took it for granted their club would win the pennant and for this The only wedding present that or other reasons, were lukewarm in Macdonald sent Sheba was a long their support, and overcritical of any envelope with two documents attach-

ed by a clip. One was from the managerial or playing mistakes. The result was a purely huma Kusiak "Sun." It announced that the search party had found the body of turn. The club finally became dis Northrup with the rest of the stolen couraged to wonder just what the use was in playing for that type of supgold beside him. The other was a copy of a legal document. Its effect port. Needless to say it lost the flag. was that the district attorney had The second team had good average material, but nothing bordering upon dismissed all charges pending against the invincible. But it carried the full Although Macdonald lost the coal and complete support of its home laims at Kamatlah by reason of the fans who paid their money at the box office and who stood back of their report of Elliot, all Alaska still beieves that he was right. In that club on the field, as loyal in defeat country of strong men he stands as in victory. Back in the grand head and shoulders above his fellows, stand and the bleachers they helped He has the fortunate gift of com- to fight for their club. This team, manding the admiration of friend with its morale linely molded by and foe alike. The lady who is his such support, fought its way to the wife is secretly the greatest of his front, and held the peak against bet-

slaves, but she tries not to let him ter looking clubs. These are not hypothetical cases know how much he has captured her They are not what might have hapimagination. For Genevieve Macpened. They are what actually took donald cannot quite understand, her-

self, how so elemental an emotion as raining, sacrifice—and support back

of the lines. What are the concrete, definite Recent Events Have Developed Some the lines?"

"This war," remarked lan Hay Undoubtedly the managers of the (Maj. Beith) recently, "will be won proposed Stockholm conference have by the allies to a certainty, if the nerve and nerves of the people back to the programme of the Bolsheviki. of the lines only hold out." Both Huysmans, the Belgian Socialist

Nerve and the control of nerves needed back of the lines fully as nuch as in the field.

What other ways are there? There is an old golf maxim which advises, "Keep your eye on the ball." This maxim is incorrectly arranged. It should read, "Keep your mind or

There are too many who keep their eye on certain injunctions to "help Hoover," "cut down the meat supply. 'economize," "buy Liberty bonds 'help the Red Cross," etc.

Their eye is focused properly, but their mind is not yet rightly adjust-Those back of the lines, who as

not in position to serve at the front if they will only keep their minds upon the injunctions of the day-if the tions, except the Bolsheviki is worthy will keep their minds upon economizing, upon sacrificing, upon swinging mensely to understand the precise into line with the most effective team f friendly sarcasm. "I suppose he difference between President Wil- play the world has ever known. The entry who "does his bit" on the

viki, as it is filled with a profoundly ball field never wins a penant. It is sincere effort to understand Lenine the one who "does his all." There isn't an American who doe not wish down through the depths of position. Here is the vital paragraph: his soul for a swift and proper end-"Has not Germany, followed by her ing of this war. This goal can only allies, until now declined to make be reached by united team play back known her war aims? The laboring of the lines, by united sacrifice, unitclasses of the Central empires have ed economy, united aid, united loyalnot won their political liberty. All ty, united concentration upon ment." Gordon passed to a subject of their sacrifices have not yet establish- main object ahead, the winning and more immediate interest. "Do I get ed the certitude of absolute universal ending of the war. The longer citizens put off their day of complete sacrifice, of needed economy, of com

> affirmed by their acts their anti-im- goes on and the greater the sacrifice that waits ahead. Many a pennant has been lost--because each man thought the other fellow would make the play or do each man taking upon himself the many to make her war aims known job of doing his full and complete share, leaving nothing to fate. luck or destiny, taking nothing for granted but the accomplishment of the

> > iob at hand. United for team play back of the lines, as it will have the impetus to carry it to the greatest goal the in the world can show. The departworld has ever dreamed of-a swift ment of agriculture is undoubtedly and proper peace.-Gratland Rice.

of the Germans is a vital question, Pincus Friedman, an East Side foodcy. As to the peace questions involv- 9 cents a pound, some of it to hospied on the other from the balance to about 500 retail problem of fertilization. The departnations have stated their terms, while the German government has grocers for distribution among the ment of agriculture and other agenwhile the German government has grocers for distribution among the ment of agriculture and other agenabout the sanguinary business of killknow that this feeling represents which are to be placed under his suhas given orders that all poplar trees

APPROACHING THE CRISIS eed. The department has \$2,500,000

President Wilson Says War Will Be Settled in 1918.

PLAIN TALK TO AMERICAN FARMERS

the Issue in the American Revolution -It is a Question of Liberty, the Right of the People to Govern Themselves.

Washington, Jan. 31.-In a mes of the water realized that the culminating crisis of the war had come and this year's achievements would decide it.

attacked by a cold several days ago. was delivered by President James of the University of Illinois. Recounting ident said

We are fighting, therefore, as truly or the liberty and self-government of the United States as if the war of our own revolution had to be necessary to do so. I believe that you ought over again; and every man in every business in the United States from me, because you understand as must know by this time that his whole future fortune lies in the bal-

"Our national life and our whole uture development will pass under he sinister influences of foreign control if we do not win. We must win, nation to the accomplishment of this

"You will realize, as I think states en on both sides of the water realize, that the culminating crisis of the farmers of America will willingly and struggle has come and that the ichievements of this year on one side or the other must determine this is-

Farmers at Lexington.

The president recalled that farm ers fired the first shots at Lexington that set affame the American revolution for liberty, and expressed the hope and belief that American farmers now will willingly and conspicuously stand by to win this war. He said the farmers did not want themselves exempted from military service as a class, but that the attention of the war department was centered up on the task of interfering with farm labor as little as possible, and he believed that in the next draft the farmers would find their labor much less seriously drawn upon than in the

The president's message said,

you realize as keenly as I do, that we are, as a nation, in the presence of a great task which demands supreme sacrifice and endeavor of every one We can give everything that is needed with the greater willingness, and even satisfaction, because the object of the war in which we now engaged is the greatest that quires leadership, material, team play free men have ever undertaken. It is to prevent in the life of the world being determined and the fortunes of men everywhere affected by small ways of giving this "support back of groups of military masters who seek their own interest and the selfish dominion throughout the world of the governments they unhappily for the moment control. You will not need to be convinced that it was necessary for us as a free people to take part . The rulers of in this war. . Germany had sought to exercise their power in such a way as to shut off our economic life so far as our intercourse with Europe was concerned. and to confine our people within the western hemisphere while they accomplished purposes which would have permanently impaired and impeded every process of our national life and have put the fortunes of America at the mercy of the imperial government of Germany. This was no hreat. It had become a reality Their hand of violence had been laid upon our own people and own property in flagrant violation. not only of justice, but of the well recognized and long standing covenants of international law and treaty. We are fighting, therefore, as truly for the liberty and self-government of the United States as if the war of our own revolution had to be fought over again; and every man in every business in the United States must know by this time that his whole future fortune lies in the balance. Our naional life and our whole economic development will pass under the sinister influences of foreign control if we do not win. We must win, therefore, and we shall win. I need not ask you to pledge your lives and fortunes with those of the rest of the na-

tion to the accomplishment of that great end. Culminating Crisis Here.

"You will realize, as I think states nen on both sides of the water realize, that the culminating crisis of the struggle has come and that the reau. achievements of this year on the one side or the other must determine the issue. It has turned out that the forces that fight for freedom . . . many a football game has gone wrong depend upon us in an extraordinary and unexpected degree for sustenance for the supply of the materials "There is in war a terrible logic. the work. Team play is built of no by which men are to live and to fight such thought. It is made up of op- and it will be our glory when the posite ingredients-it is made up of war is over that we have supplied

those materials and supplied them war is the stimulus given to reading and abundantly, and it will be all the discussion of the American Civil war. more glory because in supplying The persual of Civil war histories in them we have made our supreme ef- England has become almost a mania senator, but a few days ago in the increase in both temporary and per- Germans fall. He kept on firing unfort and sacrifice. "In the field of agriculture we have agencies and instrumentalities, fortunately, such as no other government last ten years.

the greatest practical and scientific able capital of the country. . . .

cies are actively assisting the farm-

available for this purpose now and News Happenings in Neighboring has asked the congress for \$6,000,000

"The labor problem is one of grea ifficulty and some of the best agen cies of the nation are addressing themselves to the task of solving i so far as it is possible to solve it.

Farmers' Response Splendid. And let me say that the stimula on of the agencies I have enumer ated has been responded to by the farmers in splendid fashion. . . sige to the nation's farmers delivered Last spring their planting exceeded today to an agricultural conference by twelve million acres the largest at Urbana, Ill., President Wilson said planting of any previous year, and the he thought statesmen on both sides yields from the crops were recordplanted, which was one million largr than for any preceding year, three The message, which the president millions greater than the next largest, ntended to present personally until and seven millions greater than the receding five-year average.

But I ought to say to you that it that they should be exceeded. "I will not appeal to you to con

well as I do the needs and opportunities of this great hour when the when America has the greatest opportunity she has ever had to make good her own freedom and in making it therefore, and we shall win. I need good to lend a helping hand to men not ask you to pledge your lives and struggling for their freedom everyfortunes with those of the rest of the where. You remember that it was farmers from whom came the first hots at Lexington, that set affame the revolution that made. America free. I hope and believe that the conspicuously stand by to win this war also. The toil, the intelligence the energy, the foresight, the selfsacrifice and devotion of the farmers of America will, I believe, bring to a triumphant conclusion this great last war for the emancipation of men from the control of arbitrary govern-

WHISKY RUNNING LOW.

privilege to play such a part.

ment and the selfishness of class leg-

islation and control, and then, when

the end has come, we may look each

other in the face and be glad that we

are Americans and have had the

Present Outlook is That Supply Will Be Exhausted in Eighteen Months. Whisky bibbers of the country, a their present rate of consumption, as drinking themselves out of a supply so rapid is the rate that all of the the United States will be

mer of 1919. This is the conservative been watching the rate of flow from the warehouses since the president's proclamation stopping distilling, on

The normal per capita consumption of whisky in the United States is about one gallon a year. This is statistical way of saying the annual normal consumption is 100,000,000 gallons a year. At this rate the available supply, figuring from February 1, will last a little more than eighteen months, but expert authorities say that the odd 7,000,000 will b absorbed during the eighteen months period and that all the whisky left on August 1, 1919, will be in private hands and that it will not be much

at that. There is a comparatively large supply of whisky in private hands which the experts cannot trace. It is exsumers will increase in ratio as the This is where much of the odd 7.

000,000 gallons will go. were approximately 165,000,000 gal- on the second Tuesday of every month September 8, there has been no legi- McFadden, of Rock Hill, who recenttimate distilling and no whisky can ly underwent an operation at the fallen off rapidly under prohibition, but there is no diminution in the given a warm greeting by his many board, where they will be assembled. amount of whisky that is apparently friends......No new cases of cerebro-

territory. With the whisky famine will come approximately \$320,000,000 a year, and is expected to recover. The The present tax on whisky is \$3.20 a quarantine is being vigilantly mainapproximate consumption of 100,000,-000 gallons a year. This revenue will but \$500,000,000 more to collect in February whisky taxes on a basis of 157,000,000 gallons at \$3.20 a gallon.

During the four months sace distilling was stopped withdrawals of is due to occur. Mr. Grant is a close spirits for beverage purposes have student of metorology, and his forebeen unusually light, according to

rapidly exhausted production of distilled spirits for other purposes is apparently increasing. More than loss is rendered the more poignant by spect the Ford plant. After the of-10.000,000 gallons of alcohol were denatured in November last.

And the Record is one of Soldiers. One of the peculiar facts concerning the entrance of America into the and more books treating of the great full possession of his accustomed conflict have been sold in England in vigor, and going about his daily tasks navy, it was learned today that the and arm. one year than in America during the in his usual manner, is no more. As department plans extensive enlarge-

Spanish-American war failed as an cil halls of the state, and in the va-* The banking legislation of adequate criterion because we had Brice did his duty well, and no word ham Bay and 15,000 at Norfolk. through the arrogance and stupidity tion a few days ago seized from the last two or three years has given Spain so hopelessly outclassed from that we can say would add to the Secretary Daniels said that the the farmers access to the great lend- the beginning. But some of the great- dignity and the glory of that duty navy now has 95,000 men under inest battles in the history of the world so well done. Personally, we'll miss struction and with the recommended the Bolsheviki, but is of no import- had hoarded, presumably for specula- Both by direct purchase of nitrates were fought in the Civil War. The per-The moon was all that Diane had ance in discussing their peace polito produce nitrates, the government the were higher than that of any other pie of a man who lived as he did so tire naval construction programme is doing its utmost to assist in the war ever fought. The verdict seems to as to enjoy the complete confidence as now contemplated, but also for

Communities.

CONDENSED FOR OUICK READING

Dealing Mainly With Local Affairs of Cherokee, Cleveland, Gaston, Chester and Lancaster Counties.

Cleveland Star, (Shelby) Jan. 31: One of Shelby's aged and most noble retired physician and a Christian gentleman of culture and wealth, died here Wednesday morning at 10.15, afbreaking yields. In the fall of 1917 a ter several weeks' illness of la grippe wheat acreage of 42,170,000 was and old age. He would have been 80 years old next month. The Florida paper, published twice a week at Tarpon Springs prepares to issue next week a small daily with Milton Tiddy. managing editor and owner and R. D. James editor. It is a neat sheet and not only necessary that these we wish our former Shelby man much the aggressions of Germany, the pres- achievements should be repeated, but success in his adventure in journalism in which receipts are uncertain and expenses certain. It will be tinue and renew and increase your morning daily, carrying the Associat-Confederate soldier at the age of

will do it without any word or appeal fifteen and ao honest, upright citizen, Martin Luther Beam, son of the late David Beam of Rutherford county, died of pneumonia Sunday fortunes of mankind everywhere afternoon, January 20, 1918 at his seem about to be determined and home in Mooresboro. He was the brother of John Calvin and David Augustus Beam, both of Shelby, Ed and Alex Beam, Mrs. Columbus Burrus, Mrs. Margaret McMurry and Mrs. Elizabeth Webb

> Gaffney Ledger, Jan. 21: I'ine wood at from twelve to fifteen dollars per cord is the most expensive commodity on the Gaffney market today. Oak wood is much more reasonable in price, in spite of the fact that it is so much heavier to haul, and yet those who ask exorbitant prices for pine say that it is because of the The people of Gaffney, hauling especially those who have relatives selonging to the Eighth Company. have been much concerned over the reports that have been current to the effect that certain members of the organization would soon go to France So many inquiries have been received at this office that it was decided to make an effort to obtain some authentic information as to just when the boys would sail. This move was decided upon because The Ledger feels that it owes a duty to its subscribers to give them all the infornation possible at all times, and this being a matter which is vitally interesting to a large number of sub-

cribers, it was thought that no trouble and expense would be too great o incur in obtaining the inform After the most strenuous effort, in volving much trouble and cost The of government officials, who have Ledger has at length found out the exact date when the boys will take ship for foreign lands, and all those who desire to do so may go to September 8. There are only about Charleston to bid them a fond fare-157,000,000 galons left in these ware- well before they leave. The exact upon which they will sail (delated by censor). The Ledger is indeed sorry that it cannot divulge this information which involved so

much trouble to procure. Chester Reporter, Jan. 31: The executive committee of the Red Cross cable to Spain. chapter met Tuesday afternoon at the work-room in the Agurs building. Reports showing satisfactory progress in the work of the chapter were read. Many articles for soldiers are Detroit Manufacturer Promises To constantly being dispatched to camp, and the work on this branch is being carried on with most gratifying progress. A class of twenty-two ladies in the United States in large numhas been formed to take surgical bers. After testifying last Thursday an Associated Press correspondent dressings lessons, and the course will before the house naval committee on with the American army in France. The pected that the supply held by con- commence upon the arrival of the the naval appropriation bill, Secre- attack was preceded by a violent arinstructor from Atlanta on Febru- tary Daniels authorized the state- tillery barrage. stocks in the warehouse go down, ary 11th. Material for the dressings ment that contracts for "several has been secured, and a committee scores" of the new craft have been was appointed to secure a room for placed with the Ford Motor company ing and is believed to have been cap-

drop in the government revenues of the disease, is considerably improved. the coming summer are assured. ger has been passed that during the period between Febru-

> last illness was of brief duration and tracts were placed. that so many people did not know he occurring in this manner, comes as a been taken along this line. terrible shock, and it is difficult to

ers to locate, safeguard and secure at cost an adequate supply of sound TOLD BY LOCAL EXCHANGES we were asked to summarize briefly the distinguishing characteristic of the deceased we would do so in the phrase "Fidelity to duty," than which no man, regardless of the sphere of his activities, can have nore honorable epitaph.

SPAIN UNDER SUSPICION.

Discriminating Against Allies and Likely to be Brought to Time.

Quick retaliatory measures is fore cast in Washington as to the answer of the United States and the Allies to Spain's interference with the shipcitizens, Dr. Richard W. Ward, a ment of goods across her frontier to France. In fact certain Spanish ships now in American ports ready to sail are being held up pending a clearing of the situation, although the war trade board in a formal statement has denied that vessels under the Spanish flag generally were being kept in port.

The American government is paricularly concerned in the situation ecause of orders placed in Spain by leneral Pershing for supplies for the American army. It holds, too, the chief weapon to force a lifting of an embargo placed by Spain, since Spain draws heavily on the United States for foodstuffs.

The war trade board, which issues export licenses and licenses for bunker coal, in its statement said:

"It is not correct that Spanish ships are being generally held up by mean: of refusing bunkers or otherwise. It is expected further clearances will be granted. Each case is dealt with on its own facts, and in a few bunker licenses have been withheld." No comment other than this statement was to be had officially at the

war trade board offices concerning the Spanish situation. Allied officials have been given no end of perplexity by Spain. Although not so situated geographically as to ship supplies readiinto Germany, charges have been made that goods from Spanish Moroco have gone through the Swiss port of entry in France into Switzerland and thence into Germany. Charges also have been made that the German spy system has used wireless equipment in Spain to communicate with the Central powers. A considerable element in the

in Washington express no hesitation present trouble. The official reason ing's order is said to be that the Spanish railroad system has broken down and that it is impossible to the confusion. handle goods destined for France.

Through their control of bunker coal the Allies are in position to stop not only the shipment of goods to Spain from the allied countries, but

from neutrals as well. Adjustment of foreign exchange mium which American business men are paying now in commercial transactions with that country is another problem waiting to be solved.

Treasury department officials have been worried lately by the failure of the Spanish exchange rate to decrease in spite of the fact that the yielding a considerable number of balance of trade amounts to \$150,-020,705 in America's favor for the first eleven months of 1917, the latest tigures available. On November 30, the peseta, ordinarily worth .193, cost .248 in New York for transfer by before Christmas.

FORD TO MAKE U-BOATS.

Turn Out One A Day.

New submarine fighters of a powerful type are about to be turned out during a heavy fog shortly after day. When the lid was clamped down by the class. It was decided to hold a of Detroit. He described them as the presidential proclamation there meeting of the executive committee "half way between a destroyer and submarine chaser," 200 feet long and lons of whisky in the country. Since at 5.30 p. m............Postmaster V. B. equipped with latest discoveries for combatting submarines.

All parts of the ships except the to be out on the street today, and was troit and the parts shipped to sea-

The new vessels are expected to prove far superior to the chasers now wave and blizzard of the whole winter ers and even some merchant ships.

Henry Ford recently placed before figures of the internal revenue bu-deal of interest. In the death of part of his factory into a ship fabri-reau. Senator Ashbel G. Brice, Chester cating plant. Naval constructors had cating plant. Naval constructors had While the whisky stock is being county has suffered the loss of a evolved the latest submarine chaser of the men there. For fifteen minvaluable citizen and a most faithful and Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, utes the enemy broke hundreds of and efficient public servant, and the with two assistants, was sent to inreason of the fact that Mr. Brice's ficers had made their report the con- off the men there. Two of them

Possibility that additional contracts Another man who was at the post was ill until he was in extremis. To might be given other automobile told the correspondent later, as he associates in the legislature and to firms was suggested by Mr. Daniels was lying on a cot in a field hospital. friends all over the state his death, but he said no definite action had that he saw four Germans approach-

realize that the honored and useful newed recommendation for a large rifle into play and saw two of the manent enlisted personnel of the til shell splinters hit him in the head a man, as a citizen, as a servant of ment of several existing training sta-The reason is simple: England and his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, as tions. Plans already have been ap- another wounded man, "is seeing the allies generally "want a line" on the servant of his people in the coun- proved for enlarging the Pelham Bay, N. Y., and Norfolk, Va., stations. agricultural organization in the world. the American as a fighting man. The rious other walks of life, Ashbel G. Five thousand men are now at Pel-

the feeling of the community. If pervision.

Fighting.

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Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Wednesday, Jan. 20, (By the Associated Press.)—Eye witnesses of the Italian attack of the past few days on the Asiago plateau tell a story of thrilling interest. From their account it appears that the first Italian rush was in the darkness at 3 clock Monday morning. The sleep ing enemy forces were taken com n the thick of this fighting and b daylight they had swept the first line trenches and taken an old church. which formed a strategic point in the enemy lines of defense. They were igorously supporting the heroic Sassari brigade, which took and retook the height of Col Del Rosso three times against the stubborn, desperate

resistance of the enemy. These early movements were a diersion to screen the main move ment on the right where a stroke was delivered for the dominating height of Monte Di Val Bella. It was here that the most severe fighting occurred through Monday night and in the early hours of Tuesday. Italian storm ing troops took the eastern and west ern slopes and by 7 o'clock Tuesday morning had cut their way to the summit and were establishing themelves firmly in definite control of the

key position Hand to Hand

It was hand to hand tighting up the slopes, with heavy losses on the Austrian side and the enemy clearly et a disadvantage. A singular feature of the struggle was supplied by a considerable Italian force which fought its way far beyond the first day's objective and was such a distance withn the enemy's lines that the troops were given up for lost. When the final charge was made up Monte Di Val Bella, however, this Italian force disengaged itself from the enemy encirclement and took an important art in the final capture of the sum

mit. Throughout the day yesterday the nemy sought to redeem the situation by bringing forward large reinforcements and it is estimated that 50 new batteries were added to his fighting line. But his efforts to move the in-Spanish government, it is well known, fantry led to such confusion that all is German in its leanings, and officials his counterattacks were rendered abortive. Austrian prisoners declared that in intimating that this element is in the teserves hurrying were met by large measure responsible for the steady streams of beaten troops moving backward until all orderly formagiven for the blocking of Gen. Persh- tions were broken up. Attempts to merge the fresh troops with the decimated front line units only added

Divisions Wiped Out.

According to prisoners, the Twenty first Schutzen Division of Austrians and the One Hundred and first Austrian Landstrum Division were virtually destroyed while the Ninetieth and Fifty-second Mountain Brigades of rates with Spain to remove the pre- Kaiserjaegers were similarly decimated. The large percentage of officers among the prisoners is a noticeable feature, and the casualties show a

similar heavy proportion of officers. No exact information is available on the extent of losses, but the total nounts high for the energ prisoners and war material the engagement resulted in restoring the Italian line to the dominating points occupled before the enemy made his forward movement in this sector just

GERMANS RAID AMERICANS.

Two Killed In Trenches and Four Are

Wounded. An American position, on a certain section of the French front was raided light last Wednesday morning, writes

Two Americans were killed and four wounded. One soldier is misstured by the enemy.

5 Dalties have been occuring almos-ized for several days on this sector is now permitted to disclose 1.2 Tall the recent casualties given out from Washington occurred be imported. Beer consumption has Pryor hospital in this city, was able engines are to be fabricated in De- in this sector. The deaths were caused by shell fire, mostly shrapnel, Last night was fairly quiet through-Changes in the Ford plant to permit out the American sector. The usual consumed despite the spread of dry spinal meningitis have developed in the handling of the work have pro-number of shells came over, doing Chester. The child of William Mar- gressed so swiftly, Mr. Daniels said, no damage, and there were the custin, colored, which is suffering with that deliveries on the contracts due tomary sporadic outbursts of machine gun fire from both sides at points where the opposing lines are nearest. At daybreak this morning the gallon and the tax is paid upon the tained, and there will be no let-up in use, including those of the 110-foot heavy fog which had been enveloping whatever until all possibility of dan- class. They will have steam power the whole position and the country Mr. J. with a greater radius of action, will for miles around for several days behave to be made up in other ways. Martin Grant, of R. F. D. 2, whose be more seaworthy and will be able came still thicker, blotting out all exis published, stated developed that the latest German sub-seven o'clock three muffled reports marines are equipped with guns sounded through the fog. There ary 12th and 19th the worst cold which outrange those of small chas- were three whistles, followed quickly by three shell bursts. The projectiles exploded on three sides of an Amer-Secretary Daniels plans showing the ican listening post just outside the casts are always read with a great practicability of converting a large wire within 45 feet of an enemy listening post. "Then hell broke loose," said

high explosive 77's around the post and the surrounding ground, cutting were killed in the first few minutes. ing out of the fog as the barrage In connection with Mr. Daniels' re- lifted. He brought his automatic

"The last I remember in the time before I reached the hospital," said something moving through the fog. determined to get some Germans an put my rifle to my shoulder, but never pulled the trigger. There was a deafening explosion behind me, Frozen earth, ice, stones and shell splinters came my way."

Inspection of the scene of the raid showed that the ground was ploughed lup by the explosion of shells.

the Bolsheviki negotiations at Brest-Litovsk could only lead to the military victory of Germany over Russia, "And Colby Macdonald-does he and possibly to a German military victory also on the western front. "Oh, yes." Her smile grew broader. This is also the solemnly declared view of the French Socialists. Their the ball." statement of December 22 was signed by the leaders of both factions, in-Diane flashed a suspicious look of cluding the pacifists who advocated the Stockholm conference and sup-What did he tell you?" ported the Russian Soviet (Council of "Something like that. He will Workmen and Soldiers) until the marry Mrs. Mallory, I think, though Bolsheviki obtained exclusive control. Jean Longuet, the leader of the You mean shew ill see him on the French pacifists, was one of the signers. This very careful and full analy-He has always liked her very much, sis by French Socialists, several of can help immeasurably to win this